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Edinburgh has a new guru/design champion/tsar with grand visions for the city (and pedestrians). — Goldberger does much to clarify the architectural machinations at Ground Zero. — Insights into the machinations of architectural divorces. — Is the a future for design/build studios in education? — Taking on the overlapping visions of environmentalists and New Urbanists: "The problem for both...is that the ruralization of America is their worst nightmare." — The greenest building in the world is in India. — An eco-house in Australia gets everything right - so why is it so ugly? — 9/11 changes midtown Manhattan office tower design. — A digital skin planned for Boston creates a task force to come up with a general city policy for this new kind of design. — Manhattan's "new condo coast...with cutting-edge, brand-name architecture" becomes "catnip for the city's restless buyers..." — "...that little concrete block bathhouse in Trenton" was Kahn's favorite building. So why is it so difficult to save it? — An Oscar nomination for "My Architect" might help. — Chicago lakefront competition yields a variety of visions. — Computer technology in the hands of clients? — High-tech gets low marks from one architect. — It's a long shortlist of finalists in multi-family housing design competition.

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Design guru's vision for capital's third age: Sir Terry Farrell...will be named city [Edinburgh] design champion, an appointment intended to shake up achitectural thinking. (exclusive interview)-The Herald (Scotland)

New tsar to reclaim Edinburgh for pedestrians: Sir Terry Farrell...charged with raising the standard of public spaces and future development in the Capital.- The Scotsman (UK)

Slings and Arrows: The architectural machinations at Ground Zero can be treacherous. By Paul Goldberger - Daniel Libeskind/David Childs/Skidmore, Owings & Merrill/Guy Nordenson; Michael Arad/Peter Walker; Santiago Calatrava- The New Yorker

Actually, that was my gherkin... When Norman Foster's right-hand man walked out after 30 years it wasn't just a question of who got the CDs. Deyan Sudjic on the personal and professional fallout of architectural divorces - Ken Shuttleworth-Guardian (UK)

Symposium February 21: "Thinking & Doing: The Role of Design/Build Studios in Architectural Education" hosted by the College of Architecture at Illinois Institute of Technology- IIT

"Occam's Razor": taking issue with the overlapping visions of the new urbanists and the environmentalists. By Richard Carson- Planum - The European Journal of Planning

Indian architect wows world with 'greenest' building: business centre in Hyderabad incorporates modern technology and ancient Indian architectural methods...receives Version 2 Platinum LEED rating - Karan Grover- InfoChange

Port Phillip Ecohouse: Praise is due for the idea to mimic a normal-looking house... But this exercise becomes a kind of caricature of greenness... This is a very ugly house. By Norman Day - Peter Ho [image]- The Age (Australia)

Lessons of 9/11 Shape an Office Tower: ...changes added only \$3 million in costs to the \$600 million project [300 Madison]. - Skidmore, Owings & Merrill [image]-New York Times

WGBH looks to wrap new headquarters in digital skin: Nobody really knows what to call this new architecture... Will digital architecture be worth reading? Or will it be visual spam? By Robert Campbell - Polshek Partnership- Boston Globe

Down by the Riverside: World-class architects are bringing high design and higher prices to an industrial-strength swath along the Hudson... Is lower Manhattan ready for a megadose of Eurostyle? - Winka Dubbeldam; Richard Meier; Costas Kondylis; Philip Johnson; Gary Handel & Associates [images]-New York Magazine

<u>Trenton Bath House is famed, faded: ...pivotal work of Louis I. Kahn...physical deterioration...has puzzled Kahn fans for years. - Ford, Farewell, Mills & Gatsch-The Times (New Jersey)</u>

A son's monumental search: ..."My Architect" earns an Oscar nod in the process. - Louis Kahn [images] - Star-Telegram (Dallas/Ft. Worth)

Graham Foundation's 21st-Century Lakefront Park Competition Winning and Recommended Schemes [link to images]- Graham Foundation

Walk-throughs before a brick is laid: ...computer technology has radically changed the way architects present their buildings...could give non-architects more control over the structures and spaces they inhabit. By Blair Kamin-Chicago Tribune

Architect pays price for high-tech advances: Despite upgrades, job can be harder than decades ago, he says. "The technology has created much more pressure" - Siegal/Tuomaala Associates Architects and Planners- Detroit News

NAHB Announces 2004 Pillars Of The Industry Award Finalists: Awards Honor Excellence in Multifamily Housing- National Association of Home Builders

On Track: Frank R. Lautenberg Rail Station at Secaucus Junction: Commuting is made easier (and grander) with a transit hub 10 years in the making. - Brennan Beer Gorman Architects [images]- ArchNewsNow

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